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NLRB ELECTION ORDERED FOR EGG PLANT WORKERS

Machinists Get Reinstatement In Federation

AFL Convention Quickly
Approves Request
of Brown

BOSTON, Mass.—(SPECIAL)—The International Association of Machinists has been reinstated as an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the Federation, announced at the 63rd annual convention of the organization here that he had received the following communication from H. W. Brown, international president of the Machinists' union.

"This is to advise that our letter of May 27, 1943, announcing the International Association of Machinists' withdrawal from the American Federation of Labor is here-with withdrawn."

It also was announced that the association had paid its per capita tax to the A. F. of L. up to and including September 19, 1943. Delegates of the association were seated immediately at the convention, and a motion calling for reinstatement was quickly carried.

A. F. of L. President William Green declared, "I regard this as a great achievement. They are back. We're happy to have them back."

FDR SENDS MESSAGE

BOSTON, Mass.—(Special)—A prediction that the government will have "a good deal of success" in its efforts to roll back prices was made by President Roosevelt in a message sent to the 63rd annual convention here of the American Federation of Labor.

The President asked for the Federation's continued help in stabilizing the domestic economy, and declared that the administration is determined to stabilize and reduce the cost of living in essentials.

Regret Is Expressed

The President's message was a letter to A. F. of L. President William Green. The nation's chief executive expressed regret that he could not attend the convention.

"Please," said Mr. Roosevelt,

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YOUR MONEY OR HIS LIFE!



Choice Between Local No. 188 And CIO Will Be Made by 120 Greatly Abused Employees Soon

Another Overwhelming Victory Is Forecast For Patriotic
and Progressive Teamsters' Union; Balloting
Date Not Yet Set

Efforts of Teamsters' Local No. 188 to improve working conditions and raise wages of approximately 120 employees of the Mid-State Frozen Egg Corporation of Indianapolis, apparently are destined to be successful in the immediate future.

The National Labor Relations Board, waving aside vigorous protests of the corporation, has announced that an election will be held soon in the corporation's plant to establish a collective bargaining agent for the employees.

Victory Is Forecast

The employees will choose between Local Union No. 188 and the CIO, and in view of the fact that some 100 of the 120 employees already have been signed up as members of the Teamsters' union, another overwhelming victory for the Teamsters, comparable to the one recently scored over the CIO at the Packard Manufacturing Corporation plant in Indianapolis, seems to be assured.

A great majority of the 120 employees are young women.

When organization work was started by Local No. 188 about two months ago, the highest wage paid any of the workers was only 48 cents an hour. The plant is engaged in the filling of government orders.

Conditions Called Deplorable

C. E. Davis, president of Local No. 188, in announcing that the NLRB election had been ordered, declared that working conditions and the wages paid in the plant were "deplorable."

"The employees have suffered for a long time," he said, "and it is high time for them to be given a break. They are entitled to decent working conditions and to decent wages, and we will do everything possible to help them."

Mr. Davis said the employees were attracted to the Teamsters' union by its long record of achievement, and by the all-out co-operation it has given in the war effort.

A date for the election has not yet been set.

HAMMOND, Ind.—(Special)

—Wage increases of 5 cents an hour have been granted to approximately 200 gasoline transport truck drivers employed by the Rogers Cartage Company, of Hammond, and the Sprout and Davis Company, Inc., of Whiting, Harry D. Cole, business representative of Local Union No. 362, of Hammond, has announced.

A new agreement between the companies and the local recently was approved by the War Labor Board, boosting the hourly pay rate of the drivers from 96 cents to \$1.01 per hour. The pay jumps were made retroactive to October 1, 1942. The increases were in keeping with the "Little Steel" formula, Mr. Cole said.

Other Increases Granted

Also announced by Mr. Cole was approval by the WLB of agreements which provide bread truck drivers wage hikes of \$5 a week, plus commissions, and cake truck drivers increases of \$2.50 a week, plus commissions.

Affected by the agreements are about 80 bread truck drivers employed by the Continental Baking Company, the Ward Baking Company and the Gordon Baking Company, and about 28 cake truck drivers employed

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WLB Approves Pay Hike for 200 Gas Truck Drivers of Local 362

LET'S TELL THE TRUTH

By PAT HESS

President the Indiana State Drivers' Council

One of the greatest needs of organized labor is a broadened public relations program.

Vicious charges have been made and are being made against organized labor. We know that the facts will not support the charges. We know that the record of organized labor is one to be proud of. Yet, slowly, but surely, labor's enemies are convincing the general public that the charges are justified.

Drastic labor legislation has been passed in Congress, and other even more drastic legislation is being proposed. Many lies about labor have been told and are being told, and these lies are tending to lead the average American citizen to believe that the labor movement is writing a shameful chapter in American history.

Labor, therefore, has another job to do—the job of winning favorable public opinion. This job must be done well, and it must be started at once.

Labor has given complete co-operation in the battle of production, in civilian defense activities, in Red Cross services, and in all other programs aimed at winning the world's most horrible conflict.

Labor has supported and encouraged progressive legislation designed to further the war effort and to benefit the American people. Labor has done much to improve the working conditions and the standard of living of the common man.

But the sad part of the situation is that the American people as a whole are unaware of our record of accomplishment. We must provide the true facts to Mr. Average Citizen as quickly as possible.

We can accomplish little by merely damning our opponents and denying their accusations. We must prove our case to the public through honest, forward-looking public relations work. Let's tell the public the truth about labor. We owe that much to ourselves and to the public.



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We Want a Square Deal

And now Congress is talking about a great need for a federal sales tax.

After giving the low-income group a rawer-than-raw deal through the adoption of the pay-as-you-go tax system, with its tax-forgiveness feature which greatly benefited the big boys with the big money, several labor-hating members of Congress are trying to clip the little boys a lot more.

They point out that the nation's war effort is costing a tremendous amount of money, and no one can argue with them about that. We know that more tax revenue must be obtained by our government, but we think, too, that the time has come for Congress to shoot square with all of the American people.

Anyone can see that the income tax law now in effect is working a severe hardship on persons in the low-income group. It is equally obvious that ordinary working men and women will be the ones to suffer if a federal sales tax is placed on all of the necessities of life.

A sales tax certainly wouldn't be very painful to those persons who cheered when Congress ignored President Roosevelt and refused to place a \$25,000 wartime limit on an individual's annual earnings.

We, Too, Need Re-Education

By RUTH TAYLOR

We have talked much of the importance of re-educating the people of Germany away from the ideas and ideologies of Nazism which have been so well drilled into them by their despotic overlords, and most people agree that this is the only way that problem will ever be completely solved.

But we, too, need re-education. Technical re-education alone is not meant—though we could do with a thorough overhauling job on that. What is needed most is a re-education of our way of thought. We need not merely enough education so as not to have to look up to anyone, but also enough not to look down on anyone.

We need re-education in responsibility. We must accept our full share of the work not merely of the world, but of our own government, national, state, or local. We need more co-operators and fewer coasters on the work of others. (If you have ever tried to name working committees for even a small club, you know what I mean.)

We need re-education in justice. We cannot expect to build a world of the Four Freedoms until we have ingrained in all of our people the ideal of absolute justice for all—those with whom we do not agree as well as to those with whom we see eye to eye.

We need re-education in kindness. We need to teach those who will follow after us that prejudice is ignorance, that bias and group hatreds are ignoble, that the spirit of brotherhood is not just something we learn on Sunday and put away with our best gloves for another week. We have to relearn that the Golden Rule is still the most practical law of life.

We need re-education in speech. We need to learn how not to talk as well as how to talk. We need to make careless rumor mongering, unkind generalization and carping criticism of our neighbors' motives, a social solecism equal to eating peas with a knife.

We need re-education in citizenship. We need to express in our lives the idealism that is the American way of life. We need a rededication to the principles that made and preserved us a nation. And we must remember that self-government of a people collectively depends upon self-government of the people individually.

Re-education is the only way left open to the world for which we have sacrificed the best of our youth. It is the only way we can be sure that this senseless sacrifice may not be made in each generation to come. Re-education is the only solution to the problems of the world today.

HE MAKES 'EM TOUGH



Sgt. Lawrence Doyle, 33, of Buckley Field, Colorado, a former member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 133, has as his principal job the toughening up of soldiers before they are sent into combat. He gives them drill instructions, sends them over obstacle courses, trains them in the use of bayonets, and gives them much other training that will help them smash the Japs and Nazis. He enlisted in the army more than four years ago while an employee of the Hayes Freight Lines.

TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE R. CAMPBELL

Agent Mike Granat, who is in charge of the Beverage Division, reports that everything is running smoothly at Drewry's Brewery. We feel that the good looking women workers at the brewery have something to do with his frequent visits there.

We wish to announce that Leo Bauer, recording secretary of Local No. 364, has become a full-time business representative of the local. Leo is well known among the membership and by many employers and he has had several years of experience in driving and warehouse work. He no doubt will be an asset to the staff of Local No. 364.

The delegates to the state A. F. of L. convention at Terre Haute last month take this opportunity to thank President Murrin and the other officers and business representatives of Local No. 144 for the fine reception and courtesy shown them while attending the convention. It's too bad that Buck Snyder had to be kept under control.

Notice to all agents in other territories: If William Hansen, business representative of Local No. 364, happens to visit your city be sure that all roads which are under construction are barricaded in good shape. Bill has a weakness for driving on closed roads.

We received another communication from William Locke, former trustee who now is serving with the armed forces somewhere overseas. He signed the letter "Sicily Bill," and before that it was "Africa Bill." He will have a long name by the time he gets back home.

The Larkin Pipe Company of Pennsylvania, which is laying a pipe line from Toledo to Chicago for the Sinclair Refining Company has signed a closed shop agreement with this local and is paying the prevailing union scale in this territory for all employees involved.

BUY BONDS TO BOMB TOKYO

Indiana to Preserve Old Covered Bridge

INDIANAPOLIS.—The Indiana State Highway Commission plans to preserve as an example of pioneer road construction the historic covered bridge which formerly carried traffic on State Road 52 over Flat Rock River at Rushville. The bridge will become the central feature of a roadside park now being planned.

Thank You, Mr. Flynn

The Teamster movement is grateful to Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to General President Daniel J. Tobin, for having supported and explained an action taken by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor at its August meeting in Chicago.

The council went on record as being opposed to repeal of the Chinese exclusion act. In view of the gallant role the Chinese are playing in the present war, the action seemed to some persons to be unusually drastic, and not in keeping with the intelligent, forward-looking actions that have been taken by the council in the past.

But Mr. Flynn, writing in the October issue of THE INTERNATIONAL TEAMSTER, carefully explained the purpose behind the action, showing that it was entirely justified.

"This was not done in any lack of appreciation for the brave fight China has been making to preserve its independence," Mr. Flynn wrote. "Nor does it indicate any prejudice toward the Chinese people. The action was to protect the American workers from the threat of cheap foreign labor, a peril that any weakening of the immigration laws would invite."

Mr. Flynn pointed out that at the time the executive council acted, a campaign for repeal of the act was under way by noisy radical minorities. Before the action was taken, the Teamsters' union had reaffirmed its support of rigidly restricted immigration, and had exposed several large industrialists as being the leaders in a plan to bring cheap labor into the United States as a means of breaking union organization and wage scales, Mr. Flynn said.

The Teamster leader explained that the industrialists were members of the "Citizens' Committee to Repeal Chinese Exclusion and Place Immigration on a Quota Basis," an organization which originally sponsored the wide open door policy.

Among the industrialists mentioned by Mr. Flynn were Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the executive board of J. P. Morgan & Co.; James G. Blaine, a Wall Street banker; Henry F. Grady, president of the American President Steamship Lines of San Francisco, Cal.; Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Studebaker Corporation, and Frederick H. Wood, New York corporation lawyer.

There were many others, and the names given were enough in themselves to show that the A. F. of L. executive council acted wisely.

"Perhaps all of these people are inspired by an unselfish desire to help the Chinese," Mr. Flynn wrote. "The A. F. of L., however, is interested in helping Americans. It believes that the welfare of American workmen would be endangered by any weakening of the immigration laws. Especially is labor suspicious of any altruistic program openly sponsored by social workers and quietly supported by large commercial and industrial interests which would profit by the cheap labor that would rush in from the Orient if the barriers are let down."

Mr. Flynn has explained the situation so that all can understand it. Before labor-haters had an opportunity to take advantage of the council and attempt to misinterpret the motives behind the action, a clear-cut explanatory statement has been made.

The Teamster movement is grateful to Mr. Flynn.

Slick Is Sick!

Thomas W. Slick has retired. He has resigned from the federal bench because of "poor health." Whatever it was, his retirement came on the heels of the extraordinary and inexplicable leniency he showed the Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. on its \$5,000,000 swindle against the government. Maybe his own decision made him sick, as it did everybody else. Anyway Slick is sick, but, more important, he is all through as a judge. With that decision we can heartily agree. We only regret that Slick did not retire before the Anaconda case. If he had, a bunch of callous criminals might have received justice. Slick was a protege of old Jim Watson of Indiana. Now the time has come to say adieu. So long, Slick; sorry to see you leaving—so late.—The International Teamster.

A. F. of L. Membership Shows Big Gain

BOSTON, Mass.—(Special)—The dues-paid membership of the A. F. of L. at the end of its fiscal year, August 31, 1943, stood at 5,939,021, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany reported to the convention.

This represents a net gain of 457,440 members since the last annual report made to the Toronto convention in 1942.

However, the total does not include the membership of the International Association of Machinists which paid per capita tax on 328,500 members in 1942, but withdrew its affiliation in the past year. Thus the gross gain in new members for the year was actually 785,940.

Mr. Meany also submitted a detailed financial report for the year, showing receipts of \$2,422,934 and expenditures of \$2,010,029, with a balance on hand of \$1,690,076 at the end of the fiscal year. Receipts and expenditures are broken down into separate and detailed categories.

CENTRAL LABOR UNIONS BUY BOMBER FOR ARMY

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.—A check for \$413,707 was turned over to the U. S. Treasury Department recently by officials of the AFL, San Bernardino and Riverside Central Labor Councils to purchase a four-motored Army bomber which will be christened "The Spirit of Labor." Frank P. Ryan, public relations director of the San Bernardino Metal Trades Council, announced. The money was collected in a three-weeks' War Bond sale campaign.



State Federation Will Intensify War Effort Help

Success Forecast By FDR in Price Roll Back Effort

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"assure those in attendance and all of the constituent membership of my gratification at the splendid task that has been done by American wage earners in turning out the munitions and implements of war.

War Work Is Praised

"The battle of production is being won in every shipyard, machine shop, factory and construction outfit in this country, and the skill, speed and adaptability of American working men and women have made possible the outfitting and equipping of our military forces in record time.

"The participation of the wage earners of this country not only in the production drive, but in the support of the war effort by the purchase of war bonds, both out of union treasuries and out of personal subscriptions, is one of the items of American life of which we are very proud."

Teamsters Ask Amendment

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters submitted to the convention a constitutional amendment which would permit examination and auditing of the financial records of affiliated unions by the Federation's top officials.

Declaring that the bullet that will end Hitler's life will "bear the union label," President Green, in a resounding keynote speech to the convention, pledged labor's unstinted efforts to win the war and win the peace.

Realizing that labor's astounding contributions to America's war effort never before had been so forcefully presented, the delegates broke into repeated cheers as Mr. Green "denounced" the critics who denounce labor.

Issues Challenge

"I challenge any group—business, economic or administrative—to show a better record than the soldiers of production have made since Pearl Harbor. This army of production is serving just as faithfully and just as well as our armies on the battle field."

For the first time, Mr. Green revealed the astonishing comparison between casualties among American workers on the home front and the casualties thus far suffered by the nation's armed forces on the battle fronts.

He showed that while military casualties total 105,205, including 20,104 dead, there have been 80,000 workers killed in industrial accidents since Pearl Harbor and 7,000,000 injured.

This was the American Federation of Labor chief's cogent answer to those who have viciously and maliciously sought to belittle and smear the sacrifices and service rendered by American workers in this war.

Hits Anti-Labor Propaganda

"I do not claim that labor is giving more or doing more, be-

TEAMSTERS ESTABLISH OUTSTANDING RECORD IN THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

LOCAL 147 MEMBERS GET PAY HIKES

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—(Special)—The War Labor Board has approved a 5-cents-per-hour wage increase for members of Bloomington Local Union No. 147 who are employed by the B. B. & I. Trucking Company, Brother Max Ridge, secretary-treasurer and business agent of the local, announced.

GREAT BRITAIN HOLDS COST-OF-LIVING LINE

LONDON.—Cost of living levels in Great Britain have remained at about 28-29 per cent above 1939 with only slight fluctuation for several months, the bulletin of the International Federation of Trade Unions states.

Food prices have been unchanged for at least two years, around 20 per cent above pre-war level. Stabilization is attributed to Britain's price control policy which makes wide use of subsidies.

cause I know that our soldiers on the battle fields are giving their all," Mr. Green said. "But I do want these facts to be presented to the American people and to those who have tried to hoodwink the people with anti-labor propaganda."

Mr. Green gave an inspiring report to the delegates on the amazing increases accomplished by labor in the production of ships, tanks, guns and planes. He noted that labor productivity in plane manufacture had risen 25 per cent in eight months and that output of self-propelled artillery had jumped 32 per cent in one month. Emphasizing the fact that 85 per cent of war material is made by union labor, Mr. Green added:

"The planes, the tanks, the guns and the bombs that will eventually crush our enemies are being made largely by union labor, and we hope that the bullet that will finally end Hitler's life will bear the union label.

"There's the answer to our critics.

We Will Give More

"I know that it is the purpose of our workers to reach new heights and to establish new records in production. The government is calling upon us for more. We are going to respond and give more. The efficiency of our skilled workers will be increased until the service they give will be improved. I know that is a matter which will be given consideration by the convention."

Mr. Green concluded his address with an eloquent plea for an immediate attack on post-war problems, domestic and foreign. He served notice on business leaders that they must have confidence in America or America will lose confidence in them. He called on private industry to be prepared to move swiftly and boldly to swing over to peace production the moment the last gun is fired in the war.

"Millions of workers now engaged in war industries and the millions of young men now serving in the armed forces will need jobs," he said.

The Teamsters of Indiana and of the nation gave strong support to the recently-completed Third War Loan campaign, a survey revealed last week.

In nearly all of the Indiana locals of the Teamsters' union, more than two-thirds of the members purchased at least one extra war bond, most of them being of the \$100 variety.

In addition, a large number of extra bonds were purchased by the locals themselves. For example, General Drivers' Local Union No. 362, of Hammond, purchased five \$1,000 bonds; Chauffeurs', Teamsters' and Helpers' Local Union No. 215, of Evansville, purchased two \$1,000 bonds, and Taxi Drivers' Local Union No. 11, of Evansville, purchased one \$1,000 bond.

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters invested \$250,000 in war bonds during the campaign.

C. A. Hildebrand, Local 135 Member, Is Killed by Gas

Chester Arnold Hildebrand, 44, a member of Indianapolis Local Union No. 135 and a driver for the Hayes Freight Lines, died September 19 when he was overcome by carbon monoxide gas in an automobile while on a fishing trip near Greencastle.

His father, Arnold S. Hildebrand, also was overcome by the gas, but recovered. The father and son were sleeping in the car and had started the automobile motor to keep warm. A brother-in-law, Harry Westerfield, who had been sleeping on the grass nearby, awoke to find the men unconscious in the car.

Chester Hildebrand had been employed by the Hayes Freight Lines for six years. He was a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services were conducted in the Conkle funeral home in Indianapolis, and burial was in Bluff Creek cemetery near Bargersville.

Survivors include the widow, Leota; his parents, a son, two stepsons, four sisters and two brothers, one of whom is Oral C. Hildebrand, formerly a big league pitcher.

QUESTIONS—ANSWERS

about
the

NAVY SEABEES

- Q. Are men living in restricted manpower areas accepted for the Seabees?
- A. Cooperating with the War Manpower Commission, the Navy does not accept recruits for the Seabees in restricted districts.
- Q. Have the physical standards been changed recently?
- A. Yes, they have been lowered. A medical examination must be passed, but, in general, a man in good physical condition can qualify without difficulty.
- Q. What is the term of enlistment in the Seabees?
- A. Men will be released as soon as possible after the war.
- Q. What is the motto of the Seabees?
- A. "Can Do". As the record shows, the Seabees are the "Can Do" boys of the Navy.
- Q. What are the designations of Seabee petty officers?
- A. The same as in the regular Navy—carpenter's mate, gunner's mate, machinist's mate, boatswain's mate, etc. A special badge with the initials "C. B." also is worn.

NEWS BULLETINS FROM LOCAL 543

By GLEN H. RABANUS

The boys in the dump truck division have received back pay ranging upward from \$40.

We have received word from Otto "Butch" Copas who was injured recently in the South Pacific area. He asks that no more mail or packages be sent to him until further notice.

Negotiations for a new agreement covering drivers for the Ingram-Richardson and Milner Provisions firms will be started in the near future. These firms are located in Frankfort.

We are negotiating a new contract for drivers of the Hicks Body Company in Lebanon. Progress has been made.

Bud Marks' drivers, who are hauling homes for defense workers, have completed their work in Ypsilanti, Mich., and are getting ready to start hauling in Tennessee.

Ivan Grenat, former president of Local No. 543, who is serving in the Seabees, has advised us that he will be home on a furlough starting October 14.

Before we forget it, thanks to Local No. 144 and its officers for the fine banquet they had for us.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS!

THE MAN WHO DRIVES A TRUCK ALL NIGHT

The man who drives a truck all night
Is something special; he must be.
He knows the stars and 'neath their light
So often does his best to see,
The heavy load behind him rolls,
His engine murmurs soft and sweet;
He thinks a lot of human souls,
He knows he has his God to meet.

Some soldiers are in front lines where
The battle blossoms hour by hour.
He is a soldier who must bear
His conflict by cool skill and power.
Each curve, each stretch spun straight ahead
He must regard and calculate
The balance of each rubber tread,
Inch by inch to measure fate.

His cheeks are grimed, his hands are hard,
His muscles like a band of steel.
All human slips to him are barred,
His hands are on a mastering wheel.
The silences, the dusk, the dark,
The open skies, the vines, the trees,
Are his—the fields, the foxes bark,
And ever the stars, their symphonies!

—Baltimore Sun.

WLB Approves Pay Jumps for Drivers Of Local No. 362

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by the Grennan Baking Company, the Hostess Cake Company and the Ward Baking Company. The increases were retroactive to last April 1.

Labor Haters Are Attacked At Convention

Terre Haute Meeting Points To Obstacles In Front of Workers

TERRE HAUTE.—(Special)

—The determination of organized labor to continue its all-out support of the war effort, despite many obstacles which have been placed in its way, was expressed vigorously at the second wartime convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor here last month.

Speeches, resolutions, and general convention conversation centered on the war, with emphasis being placed on the fact that free labor has a tremendous stake in the conflict, and that every possible sacrifice must be made by all members of organized labor if the aggressor nations are to be completely defeated.

Congress Is Criticized

Criticism was heaped upon labor-hating members of Congress who voted for the foul-smelling Connally-Smith Act, and for other legislation apparently aimed at handicapping organized labor in endeavors to help win the war.

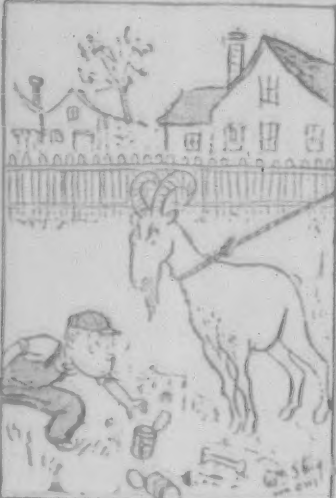
A special committee reported to the convention that "the War Manpower Commission's employment stabilization program seriously abridges the rights of citizens as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States by causing workmen to be subjected to involuntary servitude to employers operating under the profit system."

Delegates Stage Walkout

The closing day of the convention was marked by a spontaneous walkout of more than 700 delegates from the convention floor when Stephen C. Noland, editor of the Indianapolis News and chairman of the state post-war planning committee, arose to speak. The walkout apparently resulted from anti-labor editorials which have appeared in the News recently. Mr. Noland spoke to less than 100 persons who remained.

Fort Wayne was selected by the delegates as their 1944 convention city.

KID SALVAGE



HERE'S THE LATEST FROM TERRE HAUTE LOCAL NO. 144

By N. MURRIN

GENERAL MEETINGS OF LOCAL NO. 144 ARE HELD AT 7:30 P. M. ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE TEAMSTERS' TEMPLE, 121 S. 8TH STREET, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Many thanks to all of the delegates who co-operated in settling the housing shortage question at the convention.

We have received letters from the following Teamsters who are serving in the armed forces:

Weed Matherly, Seaman, Second Class, NATTC, Bks 48 AMM Class 19A44, Norman, Okla.

Edward S. Schiedel, Fireman, Second Class, Bkt. F., Treasure Island, San Francisco, Cal.

Corporal George Coffinberry, 2964th Q. M. Co., Trk. (Arm) 27th Service Group, A. A. Field, Venice, Fla.

Private Halie C. White, ASN 35729163, Station Hospital Ward B-1, Camp Bowie, Tex.

Manford Burns, formerly a transport driver for Merchants Parcel Delivery, is a first sergeant in California.

At least one former Teamster is interested in keeping the records straight. He is Private First Class Lonnie Gibbons, who is stationed somewhere in the South Pacific, and who sent his withdrawal card in to be renewed. Wish we could say that everyone is that anxious to co-operate with us. Lonnie's address is Battery (?) 251st CA (AA) APO 913, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Cal.

We know that these boys would like to hear from any of the Teamsters back home, so when you have some extra time, be sure to write to them.

All claims for contract violations on freight are just about cleaned up. Let's hope that the next agreement, which promises to be a "honey," will be written in such a way as to eliminate most of the headaches.

Proposed changes in the present bakery agreement have been mailed to the employers for consideration. At our recent meeting the route men co-operated wholeheartedly, and we are hoping that the employers will do likewise during the negotiations so that the contract can be sent to the WLB with a minimum of delay.

The WLB has approved the contract with the Mid-States Paper Company. Back wages of approximately \$225 were allowed.

The furniture drivers are still waiting to hear from the WLB on our recent case. It takes time, boys. Don't be impatient.

The Loudon Packing Company contract has been opened. We expect to complete negotiations shortly.

We're still waiting to hear from the WLB on the Home Packing Company dispute case.

Drivers and warehouse employees of the Kroger Grocery & Baking Company are negotiating proposed changes in their wage agreement.

Members of Local No. 144 are sorry to report the death of Brother O. C. McCleary.

Brother Herb Gray pays \$5 a copy for the convention picture because of his position in it. He certainly hogged the camera.

Sorry, Annis, we can't find any drivers for your Lynnville job.

Here's the 64-dollar question for Buck Snyder and C. M. Pike: How many brothers does Walt Biggs have, and if so, where are they?

Attention, Birdsong—Speaking of garden spots, did you know that the

Ration Board Gets Told!

(From The Ohio Teamster)

A disgruntled citizen sent the following letter of protest to the Cleveland ration board, of which C. A. Bond, business representative of Teamsters' Local Union 964, is a member.

Mr. Ration Board:

"I am rite and ask you what kinds darned fellow you got on this board.

"I am apply for renew A Book and also B book and I get darned smart lawyer to make out my paper so I sure it made out right. I send paper to you and wait two weeks and then come letter and says I am reject because A book sufficient. Well where in hell is A Book? I no got. No get tire record too. You must have him.

"You also say I no get B Book because I no work for living. I know I don't work, never will. Why work, too darned hot. Also not dignify. You tell me in letter if I want to appeal case I come to Bord Monday evening. I come am mad too, and only a couple dumb cluks and a smart lawyer is on job. I try tell my story, they say come back when real board is on job, we no have anything to say.

"I should come back some other night? How can I when I have no A Book, no B Book, no tire inspection sheet, no gas? Poor tires.

"My naybr he get gas. He run all over hell, picking up wild women. He get A Book, B Book, and maybe C Book too. He tell me he get all gas he ask for.

"If you wise guys on bord don't wake up and give some books I gain raise hell. I take up with congressman Murphy. I know him, also senator Wiley, for a long time already. Since maybe 1915. I don't know Corn Wallace or Jesse Jones or F. D. R. and don't want to. I bet I get gas though.

"You can take your darned Bord and come to hell.

"Goodbye."

CITY FREIGHT CONTRACT ACTION EXPECTED SOON

The Indianapolis city freight contract, submitted recently by Indianapolis Local Union No. 135 to the War Labor Board, was placed on the agenda of the WLB Trucking Commission, on August 7, it was announced.

Joe Williams and Fred Marshall, secretary-treasurer and president, respectively, of the local, expressed a hope that quick action would be taken on the contract by the commission.

seed for the A. F. of L. was planted and raised in Terre Haute, November 15, 1941, and the soil is still productive?

BUY AN EXTRA WAR BOND!

Mullen and Fritz Are Among Guests Of State Council

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Carl Mullen and Adolph Fritz, president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, were among special guests at the September meeting of the Indiana State Drivers' Council here.

A total of 61 members of the Council attended the meeting which was held in conjunction with the 59th annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Labor. Pat Hess of Fort Wayne, president of the Council, presided.

Walter E. Biggs, president of Local Union No. 364 of South Bend, was chosen to represent Indiana Teamster locals in negotiations for a new over-the-road agreement covering drivers of the central states. Mr. Biggs is recording secretary of the Central States Drivers' Council.

Other special guests at the meeting included Hugh Gormley, general organizer for the A. F. of L.; Stanton Sweeney, organizer for the A. F. of L.; Frank Fenton, director of organization for the A. F. of L.; Robert Summers, federal conciliator; Warren McCafe, war bond chairman, and Dan Evans, former business agent for Local Union No. 144 of Terre Haute, and now a trustee and organizer for the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

ODT Warns Persons Planning to Start New Trucking Work

Persons planning to purchase trucks for "new operations" have been advised by George F. Burnett, Indianapolis district manager of the Office of Defense Transportation, to confer with ODT officials to determine whether a certificate of war necessity can be issued them.

"Henceforth, according to new policy," Mr. Burnett said, "no proposed new operations of commercial motor vehicles requiring certificates of war necessity shall be found to be necessary to the war effort or to the maintenance of essential civilian economy, unless,

"1. The service proposed cannot be performed at all by any existing means of transportation.

"2. If existing service is not so convenient or expeditious as the proposed new service and a positive need directly related to the war effort is shown for greater convenience or,

"3. If the service proposed will result in conservation of existing transportation facilities to a degree which outweighs in importance the added use of the new transportation facilities."

UNFAIR

Omar Baking Company Sales Drivers Are Unfair to Teamsters' Union Local No. 188

DO NOT PATRONIZE

DELEGATES ARE SURPRISED BY HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES

BOSTON, Mass.—(Special)—Delegates attending the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor here were somewhat surprised at seeing a large number of horse-drawn sightseeing vehicles lined up along the square facing the Statler Hotel.

They learned that this was not entirely the result of gasoline rationing. It seems that historic Boston always has gone in for equestrian sightseeing, in the spirit of Paul Revere.

Los Angeles Milk Drivers Are Given Big Pay Increases

WASHINGTON.—The WLB Trucking Commission has taken another step toward stabilizing wages for milk drivers by approving an agreement between the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Los Angeles, Cal., milk companies.

The agreement equalizes the rates for the Los Angeles drivers with rates approved by the Trucking Commission recently for drivers in the San Diego, Cal., area, and means an increase of \$12 to \$22.50 a month.

To prevent the creation of intra-plant inequities as a result of the pay raise for the drivers, the commission also approved increases for office and garage employees.

The agreement covers about 5,000 workers and provides for increased vacation privileges, overtime premiums, and night shift differentials.



By Al Lindahl

- September 5—Hello again from Drewry's, Ltd.
- September 6—A nice Labor Day and no parade, but with everyone giving all-out support to the war effort, we can save the parade for Berlin and Tokyo.
- September 7—Seems as though everybody sold out of Drewry's over the week-end.
- September 8—A goodly crowd is expected for the combination fish fry and Hill Billy dance to be held this coming Saturday night.
- September 9—If the boys don't lay off asking about it, "Bill Rath" will go crazy before he completes the "Job."
- September 11—Could not attend the party, but it was a huge success financially.
- September 12—All quiet except Carl Butjas and Elmer Wild had to come back to the brewery to get any fish.
- September 13—Joe Bella and his would-be painters claim that all Bill Tidwell's gang, including Bill, are Dead End Kids.
- September 14—Happy to report that our Brewmaster, Albert Uilmer, who is down in Louisville, Kentucky, is on the mend.
- September 15—Eddie Roytek has now taken to shaving three times a week since he is an office attache.
- September 16—John Cobert has now taken in enough for a new roof and siding for the house. (I think he should give someone else a chance at the gray train.)
- September 17—Dan Lassen is having a hell of a time with his various colored strings on his new city map for October 11th.
- September 18—The "Bill Clarys and John 'Ram' Coberts" made a trip to Scott, Indiana, to visit the Coberts' brothers-in-law, and I'll bet they never get any recall if all the chickens and butter they consumed were put out on points.
- September 19—If you have ever seen "Kayo" Sobelski's or Basil Freeli's sandwiches you could easily see why the government has had to use a point system, as theirs would supply a family of four easily for a week.
- September 20—Eddie "Kaz" is sure giving George Popp a play at Barron Lake here of late. Why?
- September 21—Joe Bella's gang of would-be doblers are blotting out our figures on the Rathskellar walls, so watch for the new ones.
- September 22—Understand that Bill Riland is running a taxi from Niles to Barron Lake (for ???).
- September 23—Tom Hedrick is a busy guy between Milwaukee and "Irish" Cochrane's Joint on L. W. W.
- September 24—Steve Czita is now stealing his wife's flowers to bring to the office girls just since he painted the office.
- September 25—Jack Mossman, Al Lindahl and the Gremlin had a bad night with Chuck Lawson's car, especially at Chuck Buysse's on Western Avenue.
- September 26—A very quiet Sabbath with one exception (Bert Prawatt still insists that DuBarry was a lady).
- September 27—Chet LaPierre looks mighty good after a week of laying around.
- September 28—Bill Rath, Eddie Roytek and Chet LaPierre are conniving for a jug or something on this coming Thursday. (Take it easy, boys.)
- September 29—Jim Hubbard is resigned to the fact that no girl is a little brat, and especially when his body is in a movie.
- September 30—The end of a swell month, and everyone is enjoying the best of health and happiness in the Bonds they have purchased within the month.
- October 1—How the hell the highways permitted all the trucks on one day we will never know.
- October 2—Joe Takacs claims that his horse will have to work this winter to pay for the corn that did not ripen.
- October 3—Bob Singleton claims that Dooley was in a fog more ways than one on the night he drove Bobbie's car. (How about that, Dooley?)
- October 4—A lot of the brothers are now employed at the 820th Army Air Force Depot and are doing a swell job of moving the material that is so vital to all our war efforts on all fronts.
- October 5—It seems a shame to blot out this paper with no word from a brother, especially George Dehn, in a long time, so if any of you brothers have heard from anyone please convey our loyalty to all on your answer.

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